

**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 011633.00078

First Inventor Michael Alan Meek

Title Framing System for Buildings

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 7]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the invention  
- Brief Summary of the invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]  
a. ☒ Formal; or  
b. ☐ Informal
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages ]  
a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy); or  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
ii. ☐ paper  
c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
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17. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 790**Complete if Known**

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| Application Number   |                   |
| Filing Date          | October 10, 2003  |
| First Named Inventor | Michael Alan Meek |
| Examiner Name        |                   |
| Art Unit             |                   |
| Attorney Docket No.  | 11633.00078       |

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| Large Entity        |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description        | Fee Paid        |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Fee Code            | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                        |                 |
| 1001                | 750      | 2001         | 375      | Utility filing fee     | 750             |
| 1002                | 330      | 2002         | 165      | Design filing fee      |                 |
| 1003                | 520      | 2003         | 260      | Plant filing fee       |                 |
| 1004                | 750      | 2004         | 375      | Reissue filing fee     |                 |
| 1005                | 160      | 2005         | 80       | Provisional filing fee |                 |
| <b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b> |          |              |          |                        | <b>(\$ 750)</b> |

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

|                    |   |      |   |   |  |   |   |
|--------------------|---|------|---|---|--|---|---|
| Total Claims       | 7 | ** = | 7 | X |  | = | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | ** = | 2 | X |  | = | 0 |
| Multiple Dependent | 0 |      |   | X |  | = | 0 |

| Large Entity        |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description  | Fee Paid      |
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| Fee Code            | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |  |               |
| 1202                | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |               |
| 1201                | 84       | 2201         | 42       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |               |
| 1203                | 280      | 2203         | 140      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |               |
| 1204                | 84       | 2204         | 42       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |               |
| 1205                | 18       | 2205         | 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |               |
| <b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b> |          |              |          |  | <b>(\$ 0)</b> |

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| 1051         | 130      | 2051         | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1052         | 50       | 2052         | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 1053         | 130      | 1053         | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812         | 2,520    | 1812         | 2,520    | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 1804         | 920*     | 1804         | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805         | 1,840*   | 1805         | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251         | 110      | 2251         | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252         | 410      | 2252         | 205      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253         | 930      | 2253         | 465      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254         | 1,450    | 2254         | 725      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255         | 1,970    | 2255         | 985      | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401         | 320      | 2401         | 160      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402         | 320      | 2402         | 160      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403         | 280      | 2403         | 140      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451         | 1,510    | 1451         | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452         | 110      | 2452         | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453         | 1,300    | 2453         | 650      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501         | 1,300    | 2501         | 650      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502         | 470      | 2502         | 235      | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503         | 630      | 2503         | 315      | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460         | 130      | 1460         | 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807         | 50       | 1807         | 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)                                       |          |
| 1806         | 180      | 1806         | 180      | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021         | 40       | 8021         | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40       |
| 1809         | 750      | 2809         | 375      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |          |
| 1810         | 750      | 2810         | 375      | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |          |
| 1801         | 750      | 2801         | 375      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 1802         | 900      | 1802         | 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |


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**SUBTOTAL (3)**

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Application No.: TBA  
Filing Date: October 10, 2003  
Title: Framing System for Buildings

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Fee Transmittal (1 page) in duplicate
- ☒ Utility Patent Application Transmittal (1 page) in duplicate
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (4 pages)
- ☒ Non-Provisional Utility Specification (7 pages) 7 claims/2 independent
- ☒ Formal Drawings Figures 1 through 3 (2 pages)
- ☒ Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages)
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